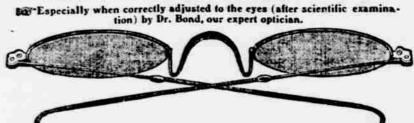
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Mrs. Seeger Plugs Up Keyhole

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LOCKSMITH HAD TO BE CALLED.

With His Aid, Husband Entered

House and Made the Horrible

Discovery-Wife Was Vic-

tim of Melancholia.

Mrs. Ellen Seeger, wife of William Seeger, salesman of the Columbia brewery, commit-

ted suicide yesterday at their home, No.

308 Victor street, by hanging herself to the

transom of her bedroom. Melancholia, brought on by ill health, is supposed to have

It is believed she must have hanged her-

self about 19 o'clock in the morning. For

the last year she was ill, and for three

weeks she had been confined to her room.

Her husband stated that her ill health had

induced fits of despondency, and it was his

custom to return home at midday to talk

Mr. Seeger and his son William left the

house shortly before 8 o'clock to go to work

and an hour later his daughter Mary left to go shopping. At 12 o'clock Mr. Seeger

returned home, but found that he could not

get his key into the keyhole. His daughter also discovered that a lead pencil had been thrust into the keyhole. Realizing that

something was wrong, the girl ran for a locksmith and the door was opened. She and her father then hurried to Mrs. See-

geer's bedroom on the second floor and found her lifeless body hanging from the transom, a Piece of lambrequin cord having been used as a noose. The body was per-fectly rigid and life had evidently been ex-

tinct at least a couple of hours.

Mr. Seeger, aided by the locksmith, cut
the body down, and the police were then

notified.

Mr. Seeger stated yesterday that his wife must have been temporarily mentally deranged at the time, as, while she had been extremely despondent at times in the last year, she had not expressed any intention of doing away with herself.

The funeral arrangements have not been made. The burial will take place to-morrow.

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Take Parker's Headache Powders. They are safe and sure. All druggists. Price 10c.

JUDGE DEEMER HONORED.

Is Offered Chancellorship of Col-

lege of Law at Iowa University.

Iowa City, Io., Dec. 21.—Judge Horace E. Deerrer of the Iowa Supreme Court was elected this afternoon by the Board of Regents of the University of Iowa to succeed Emlin McClain as Chancellor of the College of Law, Iowa University. His salary was fixed at \$4.50% a year. The board has received no intimation yet that he will accept.

cept.

Judge McClain was recently elected Su-preme Judge. Judge Deemer is now serv-ing his second term.

The Christmas Gift That is always acceptable—a box of Oakes's Pure Candies. Sent everywhere by mail or express, 305 North Broadway.

GEN. DAVIS GOING TO MANILA.

He Arrives at Washington on His

Way to the Philippines.

Barber Surratt's Divorce. Leroy Surratt, a barber at Madison, ob-tained a divorce from his wife, Emma, at Edwardsville yesterday. Surratt charged desertion, aleging that his wife was in Errown County.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S.

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WILD CAR STRUCK MINERS.

Fred and Harry Minor, Both Aged Fifteen Years, Were Killed.

Akron, O., Dec. 21.-While a party of Akron, O., Dec. 21.—While a party of miners were descending the slope in the Wagner coal mine, five miles south of this city, to-day, a wild car overtook them. Some of the men jumped to the side of the track, but five were struck by the car, two being killed and the others badly injured. The dead are:

Fred and Harry Minor, both aged 15.

Feter Smith had an arm broken and Michael Weinshimer had four ribs broken.

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dogs, camp equipage, etc., are offered.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Brigadier General George W. Davis, who commanded the Department of Porto Rico up to the time of its discontinuance a few weeks ago, has arrived in this city preparatory to his departure for Manila, by way of San Francisco. He has been assigned to duty as Inspector General of the division of the Philippines, and will serve on the staff of General MacArthur. HOLIDAY RATES TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. Via Illinois Central, No. 218 N. Broadway.

Fire Destroys Flour Mills.

FUBLIC SPECIAL.

Golden City, Mo., Dec. 21.—The Golden ty Flouring Mills, owned by Morrow & burned last night. The cause of fire mignown, Loss \$30,000; insurance \$12,000.

MORE MEN ORDERED TO SOUTH AFRICA.

Soon, and Colonial Police to Be Increased to Ten Thousand.

Second Boer Invading Force Was Checked - Fighting Reported in Cape Colony-French Routs the Burghers.

London, Dec. 20 - The War Office made the following announcement last evening: In view of the general position in South Africa, the following re-enforcements of mounted troops have been arranged for:

Two cavalry regiments have been ordered to leave as soon as the transports are ready. The colonial police will be increased to 19,-

formed. Further drafts of cavalry will be dispatched at once. Australia and New Zenland have been invited to send further

Three thousand extra horses, beyond the nal monthly supply, have been contracted

BRABANT ORDERED TO FRONT. Cape Town, Dec. 21.—General Brabant, ommander of the newly raised colonial division, has been ordered to the front and will start to-morrow.
At Thorndale, General French has routed

2.50 Boers, with four guns and a pompon. Thorndale is sixteen miles northwest of Krugersdorp. The fight took place Decem-ber 19. The British had fourteen wounded nd the Boers fled in disorder, with about

The Boers who invaded Cape Colony had, most cases, pack horses, in addition to use they rode. All were in the pink of malition. They commandeered all possible othing and stores at Venterstad. General Baden-Powell will start for the The Boers derailed the train at Barberton,

killing an inspector and others.
REPULSED AT ZUNFONTEIN. Johannerburg, Dec. 21.—The Boers attack-d Zunfontein December 18, but were besten

BOERS DRIVEY FROM HOUTKRAAL. London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from De Aar, Cape Colony, says that the Yeomanry have driven the Boers out of Houtkranl, the en-

emy retiring westward.
SECOND INVADING ARMY CHECKED. Lendon, Dec. 22.—From its Cape Town orrespondent the Daily Mail has received he following: "The second invading force was designed

The second invading force was designed to occupy Britstown, but, being checked by the De Aar troops, it has disappeared into the Ceaderberg Mountains.

"An enormous concentration of troops is being made upon the veldt country occupied by the invaders, but it is not likely that the Boers will offer battle in large numbers.

"There is renewed demand for the whale

"There is renewed demand for the whole-sale proclamation of martial law."
"We understand that private reliable advices have been received in London," says the London Daily Mail, "to the effect that virtually all the districts of Cape Colony in the vicinity of the Orange River are in more or less open revolt, and that there is likely to be sharp fighting on a rather large scale before the invasion is crushed. The tactics of the Bores in rallying as many as possible of the Dutch in the back country to their cause are proving successful."

HOW DE WET ESCAPED KNOX. Bloemfontein, Thursday, Dec. 29.—The details of General De Wet's escape from the encircling British columns show that it was one of the beldest incidents of the war.

When Haasbroek's command joined De Wet, December 12, some fifteen miles east of Thaba N'Chu, General Knox was only about an hour distant, and the Boer situation appeared desperate. But De Wet was equal to the occasion. Dispatching Hass-brock westward to make a feint at Victoria Nek, De Wet prepared to break through the British columns at Springhau Nek Pass,

ground. At the entrance were two forti-fied posts, while artillery was posted on a hill eastward, watching the Boers. Suddenly a magnificent spectacle was pre-sented. The whole Boer army of 2,500 men started at a gallop in open order through the nek. President Styn and Peit Fourie led the charge and De Wet brought up the

about four miles of broad, flat, unbroke

The British guns and rifles boomed and rattled incessantly. The Boers first tried the eastward route; but, encountering artil-lery, they diverged and galloped to the foot of the bill to the westward, where the fire of only a single post was effective.

The whole maneuver was a piece of mag-

nificent daring, and its success was com plete, in suite of the loss of a fifteen-pounder and twenty-five prisoners. The British force detached after Hass-brock came in contact with his commando

at nightfall. The burgners were scattered and Welsh Yeomanry galloped among the retreating Boers, using their revolvers and the butt ends of their rifles with great ef-

An incident of the fight was the gallop of a British ammunition wagon right through the scattered Boers, the gunners using their

INDIAN TERRITORY TOWNS.

Ardmore Heads the List With a Population of 5,681.

CADDY BAGS in Scotch plaids, half price; \$3 bags for \$1.50; \$2 bags for \$1. Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, 620 Lo-cust street.

Christmas Spread for Children.

The First Presbyterian Church, Madisən, will hold special children's services Christmas Eve, and a treat of candy and nuts will be distributed. The Reverend J. G. Reynolds will be in charge of the exercises.

THE BABY SEWING MACHINE. Most useful and instructive holiday glft for children. Does perfect work and we are selling it at the remarkably low price of \$1.43. Rawlings Sporting Goods Company. 659 Locust street.

Plans for the Gymnasium. Architects Hill and Kistner of Granite City are at work on plans for the proposed gymnasium building. Doctor Ralph Niedringhaus is promoting the organization of a pastime athletic club, and a \$20,000 building is believed to be assured. The Granite City Reaity Company has donated a three-cornered lot near Circle Park.

The Candy She Loves. Delicate flavored Chocolate Creams and Dainty Borbons, made of rich, ripe fruit, dipped in fine chocolate. The kind Oakes makes at 305 North Broadway.

Brandes-Statts Wedding. Miss Oiga Brandes of Madison and E. H. Statts of No. 1349 North Garrison avenue, St. Louis, were married in St. Louis yesterday. Miss Brandes was prominent in Tri-City society. Her father, August Brandes, is proprietor of the Brandes motel, Grante City.

Reduced Rates for the Holidays. The Missouri Pacific Railway and Iron Mountain Route will sell tickets at greatly reduced rates, December 22, 23, 23, 25 and 31, 1999, and January 1, 1991, good for return up to and including January 2

CADEIS SAY BOOZ WAS A COWARD.

Several Cavalry Regiments to Sail First-Class Students at West Point Appear Before the Court of Inquiry.

BRABANT TO TAKE THE FIELD. LETTER FROM BRISTOL PASTOR.

Doctor Allison Wrote Academy Y. M. C. A. President That Booz Would Never Have Read a Novel Hidden in a Bible,

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 21.-The military ourt-martial inquiry into the alleged heatal cases of bazing, which are said to have caused the death of Cadets Booz and Breth, will not be able to complete its work this week.

An adjournment until Wednesday or Thursday will be taken after to-morrow's session, and the remainder of the testimony probably will be secured by the end of next week.

To-day the story of the fight between Keltar and Booz, in Fort Putnam, on the 6th of August, 1898, was told by Kellar himself, as well as by some of the seconds and sentinels, who were posted to watch for of-

fleers who might interfere.

A letter was read in court from the Reverend Allison of Bristol, Pa. It was written in reply to the one published from Cadet Burnett, president of the Y. M. C. A. at the academy. Doctor Allison says

Booz was not a man to read novels hilden in a Bible. Nothing adduced in the evidence to-day showed that there was any brutal bazing practiced at the neademy, and the trend of the evidence went to show that neither Booz nor Breth were possessed of the neces-sary mental capacity to go through the entire course of studies necessary for grad-

Cadet Lewis Brown of Rhode Island, one of Kellar's seconds in the fight with Booz, said Booz ran from Kellar and was struck several times in the back. In the second round Booz lay down and refused to get up. Cadet William C. Caples of Missourt said he had given hot sauce to several, but not more than four or five drops to any one.

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Lieutenant Frank W. Coe, instructor in mathematics at the Military Academy, tes-tified that Cadet Booz was deficient in his mathematics, and never could have passed his examination. He was mentally far be-low the standard required by the Military Academy.

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Cadet Frank Kellar, who had the fight with Booz, said:

"I was chosen by a commit, se of my class to 'call out' Cadet Booz because he disobeyed the orders of the corperal of the guard and made insolent remarks to an upper-class man. I was told to weigh in and I turned 150 pounds. Booz was 152 pounds. He was taller than I and had a longer reach.

"We stripped to the walst," continued the witness, "and my seconds told me I had a tough customer to meet, and they told me to do my best. For the first thirty seconds after the call of time Booz showed a little fight, as he struck me a couple of times about the shoulders. I struck bim under the left eye, cutting it slightly. After this he turned his back and kept running away. I frequently told him to face me or I would hit him in the back. I did hit him a couple of times under the right arm.

"In the second round I thought he was going to put up a fight after all, but his immediately began running again. I struck him in the right eye and then on the stomach. He went down allogether, although the blow was not a knock-down ner a knock-down her a knock-down her a knock-down the running and. I struck him in the right eye and then on the stomach. He went down allogether, although the blow was not a knock-down ner a knock-down the struck him he had no ill feeling toward me. He said 'No,' and smilled."

Host Lay on Ground and Cried.

Cadet Ralph N. Hayden of New York, one of the sentinels at the tight, said Booz was not hit hard enough to knock him down, and that all through he acted coward. Y. Booz lay on the ground and cried.

Hayden acknowledged having taken part in hazing lower-class men.

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"Had you any right," asked General Brooks, "to give him any such instruc-tions?"

dons?
"No, not officially," replied the witness.
"But I felt I had a right to give some in-formation to him when he was doing wrong."
"Was it not a breach of military discipline "Was it not a breach of minitary discipline for you to speak to a sentry on duty?"
"It was."
"And as a result of that Mr. Booz was called out to fight?"
"Yes air."

"Yes, sir."
"Then, sir, you had no right to put Cadet Booz in that position," said General Brooks sharply. sharply.
Cadet George R. Spaulding of Michigan, who acted as timekeeper at the fight, said Booz was not severely injured, and walked all right from Fort Putnam to camp, over three-quarters of a mile. He positively denied ever having hazed Booz.
Letter From Doctor Allison Read.
Cadet Charles Barnet, president of the

Letter From Doctor Allison Read.

Cadet Charles Barnet, 'resident of the Y. M. C. A. submitted the following letter, which he received from the Reverend Doctor Allison of Bristol, Pa., as a reply to one he sent to Doctor Allison:

"Bristol, Pa., Dec. E., 1909.—My Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 7. It is my desire to say that your letter is a confirmation, in not a few particulars, of my friend Oscar's experiences. Your surprise that a Christian minister should make statements of a certain kind, I cannot help, It is a Christian minister's duty to tell the truth, I feel quite saire that the Concressional Committee of Investication will discover that no untenable position has been taken by Mr. Booz's friends.

"Your letter to me is a most interesting communication, in the face of the sweeping and other kinds of statements by Colonel Mills. He denies the 'hazing' and the presence of 'tabasco sauca' at West Point, You do not. You admit both, but to minimize the effects on the theory of 'exaggeration,' etc.

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"I am glad to have had your letter, as it is likely to be helpful to us in more ways than one. I can understand, of course, how natural it is for you young men to see no defects in your alma mater, since you have crossed the 'plebe' rubicon.

"The friends of Oscar knew that he was truthful. His statements are to them prima facie evidence. What he stated in the long letter he wrote home, when he plended to be allowed to leave the academy, is enough. Only yesterday I had the and privi-

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lege of pecusine its contents. I am sorry you mention t'at 'novel' theory. The cadet who tort you that made a statement that your Christian grace and common sense ought to have taken 'cum grano salts.' Oscar was not that kind of a young man. Most sincerely yours.

The letter was read and copied, but not craiered attacnes to the record.

Boox Complained of Heart Trouble.

Cadet James Prentice of New York said that one day Boox came into his tent and asked if he could not lie down. He toll Prentice he was afraid he had heart discusse, and Prentice told him to resign. Boox also suffered from a sore foot, and the witness gave him powders to use on them. He saw Boox read his Bible and one day saw him eventime a small book which he neld inside his tible. He could not say what kind of a book it was. Frentice saw Boox leaded one night in the camp. Boox seemed to have a weak back.

Cadet Edward H. De Armond of Missouri.

braced one night in the camp. Booz seemed to have a weak back.

Cadet Edward H. De Armond of Missouri, who acted as a sentinel at the fight, said he saw it all and that Booz got a black eye. He never knew Booz to be required to take pepper sauce.

"Did you ever require any one to take this hot sauce:" asked General Clous.

"Yes, sir; I gave four drops on a spoon to Cadet John C. Pegram, and the same to George F. Roselle, Jr."

Cadet Fred I. Deen of Texas, who, according to a previous witness, gave hot sauce to Booz, denied that he had done so. He said Booz was not forced to take the sauce. It is well knewn among the West Pointers that Deen, when a fourth-class man, fought fifty-cight rounds with an upperclass man, and although defeated, came out of the fight with clory. Court adjourned until to-morrow morning.

THE ICE PALACE is thronged daily with customers purchasing their skates from Rawlings Sporting Goods Company, 62) Locust street.

DELEGATES BECOME EXCITED. Discussion Over a Bill to Increase

The House of Delegates yesterday after-noon almost succeeded in defeating a bill that was in high favor with most of the

members, and which had previously passed the Council. The bill provides that the Assessor and Collector of Water Rates may increase his staff of employes by engaging two assistant meter and hydraulic inspectors, at an spector at an annual salary of \$500 and two general office clerks at a yearly salary of \$1,689 each. It was reported favorably by Chairman Hartmann of the Ways and Means Committee who recommended its passage. Mr. Sturdevant requested Mr. Hartmann to explain the purpose of the bill. Mr. Hartmann asserted that the bill should pass, as the extra employes are really needed. Mr. Sturdevant occared that he was not opposed to the bill, but he did not believe anything should be done to aug-ment the salary account at this time unless absolutely necessary; therefore, he de-sired to have the bill laid over for one meeting. He finally refused to vote on the measure. After much debate, and while the bill was still under discussion, a motion to adjourn to January 4 was carried.

The following ordinances for street pav-ing, sent by the Board of Public Improve-ments, received first reading: Seventeenth street from Pine street to Washington avenue; Jeherson avenue from grans.in avenue to Carr street; Garrison avenue from Franklin avenue to Easton avenue: C.anning avenue from Olive street to Frankan avenue; Washington avenue from Jefferson avenue to Channing avenue, and st. Louis avenue from Fitteenth street to Grand ave-

Mr. Helms offered a resolution ordering Clerk Judy to notify the St. Louis Transle Company to better its service on the St. Louis avenue, Lee avenue and Eighteenth street divisious; otherwise the House, after a reasonable time, would take steps to cause the forfelture of the franchise. A communication was received from Street commissioner Varrelmann stating th Board of Public Improvements had concluded that the removal of the alieged obstruction from Humboldt avenue and the river front is not a public necessity.

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DISPUTE OVER GRAIN DUTIES.

Agrarian Leader Denies Agree-Berlin, Dec. 21. — Count von Klinekow-stroom has published a card denying the statement that he, on behalf of the Agra-rians, has reached a compromise with Count von Buelow, Imperial Chancellor, to im-

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be SUNDAY REPUBLIC, beginning with the issue of with the issue of . . . TO-MORROW, will publish an extraordinary series of articles reviewing the record of Human Progress in the century now coming to a close. . Each of these articles will be written by a world-famous specialist who has had ample time for serious and painstaking performance. The subjects, together with the names of the writers, are these:

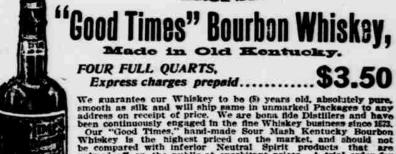
TO-MORROW, EVOLUTION—By Alfred Wallace. Sunday, Dec. 30, CHEMISTRY, by Professor Ramsey.

Literature......Andrew Lang Surgery W. W. Keen Electricity Prof. Elihu Thomson Physics..... President Mendenhall Archaeology. . Prof. Flinders-Petrie

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pose grain duties ranging from w to marks per ton.

The Agrarian press generally describes the Count's boasts that the Imperial Chancellor was "with the Agrarians in tariff matters" as "highly inopportune and not calculated to help the Agrarians' cause."

The central bureau for the preparation of commercial treaties, of which Doctor Vosberg-Rekow is director, has presented to the Imperial Chancellor an elaborate argument against the maximal and minimal system of duties.

"This system," says the petition, "means grain duties ranging from 60 to 70

Reference: FOURTH NATIONAL BANK.

a trial of economic strength, instead of a peaceful agreement as to tariff questions."

In is pointed out, in the course of the argument, that France "leads in the war of tariffs."

The northwestern group of the society of German iron and steel companies has potitioned the Prussian Ministry of Railways and Public Works for reduced freights on ores, bar iron, wire and the like, with a view of encouraging exports.

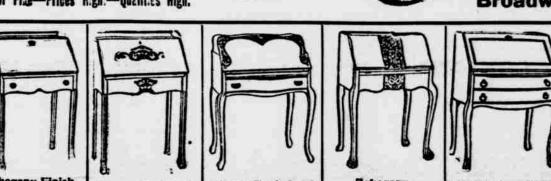
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